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Repeal 'Right to Work'—Mitchell

Stating he was "categorically" opposed to so-called "right-to-work" legislation, Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, in effect, called upon the 17 states which have enacted laws banning union security to repeal them.

He recommended that laws be "further considered" by the states, and told cheering delegates at the CIO convention: "They will find these laws do more harm than good."

Then the Labor Secretary went down the line telling why such legislation is wrong, voicing the same objections which have been made by both the CIO and AFL, but never before by an Administration spokesman.

"In the first place, these 'right-to-work' laws," he said, "do not create any jobs at all."

"In the second place, they result in undesirable and unnecessary limitations upon the freedom of working men and women and their employers to bargain collectively."

"Thirdly, they restrict union security and thereby undermine the basic strength of labor organizations."

"I oppose such laws categorically."

UPHOLDS UNION SHOP

Mitchell, who also conveyed "warm personal greetings" from President Eisenhower to the CIO, said there have been "most disquieting" reports that "some businessmen and other interest" are organizing national groups to seek enactment of the anti-labor laws by more states. Such efforts, he declared "are not conducive to harmonious working relations between employers and their employees."

"I believe," he said, "that when employers and unions representing a majority of their employees agree on a union shop they should have the right to one."

The Eisenhower message read by Mitchell praised the labor "strengthen our general welfare, our national prosperity and our democracy."

"Trade unionism," said Eisenhower, "has become a vital part of American life. The activities of the labor movement have brought about social and economic reforms which have enriched the lives not only of union members but of millions of others Americans."

WASTE \$30 BILLION

In his keynote address to the convention, President Walter P. Reuther charged that failure to provide full employment had caused the country to waste \$30 billion in a year. He urged Eisenhower and the new Congress to put into operation a "New Deal-Fair Deal brought up to date in terms of the atom."

Elimination of unemployment, he said, would have provided sufficient additional income to permit Federal Social Security payments of \$200 a month, the construction of 500,000 more homes and hospitals with 250,000 beds, a doubling of outlays for education and "a lot of money left over to help fight Communism by fighting poverty and hunger in the world."

He accused the Eisenhower Administration of being "callously indifferent" to unemployment and said the government is run by "little men of big business" who are afraid of economic abundance.

Stating that "the CIO believes a guaranteed annual wage is economically sound and morally right," Reuther said: "Early in 1955 we'll have a chance to sit across the Motors, Ford and other large manufacturers. We pledge that in these negotiations we'll nail down guaranteed annual wage."

Laborers Gain Lumber Pact; Work Falls Off

Monterey Laborers Union 690 gained a new contract with lumber yards in the Monterey area last week, ending the picket action which had tied up the yards for nearly two weeks.

According to George E. Jenkins, union secretary, laborers employed in the lumber mills gain seven paid holidays and laborers in the lumber yards gain five cents an hour. The holiday pay amounts to about five cents an hour, Jenkins said.

Work for laborers in the Monterey area has fallen off because of adverse weather, Jenkins declared, although employment opportunities generally are better for this time of year than last year.

The union has gained a contract with Donald W. Partridge, home builder, who also has signed welfare plan agreements.

A rush job of remodeling at Del Monte Lodge, with Joe Fratessa as contractor, called about 16 laborers for some good work, with overtime.

Personal Income Takes Big Drop

Washington — Personal income dropped in October by an annual rate of \$700 million to \$286 billion, the Commerce Department reported. The income rate was off \$1.9 billion compared with October a year ago.

The decline was due chiefly to a decrease in farm earnings. Income from nonfarm sources continued to improve with a slight advance in factory payrolls—largely in the automobile industry—and larger Social Security payments.

Personal income includes wages and salaries, earnings from proprietorship and partnerships, dividends and rents.

Twin Girls For Isakson!

Milton Isakson, business agent of Painters Union 272 of Monterey, is counting his blessings—twice! His wife gave birth to twin girls on Nov. 26 at a Monterey hospital.

Mrs. Antonina ("Ernie") Isakson and the new arrivals are reported doing nicely. The twins are Nancy Kay, who weighed 4 lbs. 3 oz., and Natalie Rae, who arrived 5 minutes later and weighed 4 lbs. 6 oz. They have a "big brother," Craig, age 9.

Moose Xmas Fetes

Christmas parties this Friday and Saturday are planned by Salinas Moose Lodge, according to Jimmie Butler, publicity chairman. Friday night's event will include a cocktail hour followed by a dance and exchange of gifts. The Saturday night party is for children, with Santa Claus to be present, it was reported.

Resolve now: Be a better, a more complete union member!

Children's Xmas Party Mon. Night at Hi School

Next Monday night is the night eagerly awaited by hundreds of youngsters in the Salinas area—it is the night of the annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the American Federation of Labor unions and Central Labor Council, the event to be in the Salinas High School Auditorium, starting at 7 p.m.

The committee of arrangements, headed by John F. Mattos, business agent of Laborers Union 283, announces that everything is ready to greet about 2000 kiddies.

There will be a professional show with top entertainers, and Musicians Union 616 is donating an orchestra for the party.

Santa Claus will arrive near the end of the party to distribute toys to the youngsters. In addition there will be bags of fruit, candy and nuts for each child.

Parents may bring their children and leave them in charge of city firemen and others who will be on hand to watch the crowd and prevent mishaps.

This year Teamsters Union 890 (listed incorrectly in last week's paper as Local 912) is taking an active part in the Christmas Party for the first time in several years.

Members of the committee assisting Mattos in the party are W. G. Kenyon, of Teamsters 890; Earl Choate, Machinists 1824, and A. J. Clark, secretary of the labor council.

The annual Children's Christmas Party is a major event for labor leaders and unions of the Salinas area, sponsored to enhance public relations and to provide a Christmas treat for youngsters.

There is no charge for anyone attending—everything is free. Children are invited, whether or not their parents are members of labor unions.

Mont. Laborers Plan Christmas Theatre Party

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey has taken over the Grove Theatre in Pacific Grove for a Christmas Part for union members and their children, the party scheduled this Saturday morning, starting at 9:30 o'clock.

George Jenkins, secretary of Local 690, said there will be a film, "The Outcast," plus a comedy and newsreel to entertain the youngsters and union members.

In addition, candy and fruit will be distributed and there will be favors for the youngsters.

To avoid confusion, all members of 690 are asked to bring their paid up dues books to show when they enter the theatre, Jenkins said.

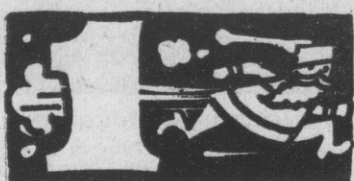
Fumes Suffocate Laborer, Family

Harold Tuttle, member of Laborers Union of Monterey, and his wife and son were suffocated as result of escaping fumes from an unvented heater in their Seaside home, according to officials of Local 690.

Welfare plan benefits will be paid to a step-daughter who escaped the tragedy, it was reported.

Benefits paid by the welfare plan during November totaled \$2681, according to Union Secretary George E. Jenkins.

Death of LeRoy Miller, also a member of Local 690, was reported also.



Accord Reached On County Work; CLC Speaker Set

Committee members who met with county supervisors to protest use of county employees on county construction work reported to the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas last week that an agreement apparently has been reached.

It was reported that the supervisors have agreed to let out for contract any construction work over \$2,000. Peter A. Greco, business manager of Painters Union 1104, was spokesman for the labor committee at their meeting with the county officials, Council Secretary A. J. Clark reported.

To keep check on supervisors and their administration of county affairs, the labor council asked such union officials as Greco, John Mattos of Laborers 272, Harvey Baldwin of Carpenters 925, and Clark to attend supervisor meetings in the future.

Labor council delegates will hear a talk on industrial accidents and insurance matters from the legal standpoint by Howard McGee, San Francisco attorney who specializes in compensation cases. The meeting will be open to all interested persons, Clark said. Date of McGee's visit has not been announced.

Council business at the December 3 session was otherwise generally routine, Clark said. A visitor, Lawrence Rose of Laborers Union 272, was introduced. Adjournment followed a tribute to Dewey Mead, labor leader and San Francisco supervisor, who died recently.

Culinary 483 Creates Sick Visiting Group

Establishment of a special committee to visit sick or injured members was announced last week by Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey.

Chairman of the new committee is Pat Arnold, who will select the rest of the committee.

Bricklayer Agent In Mont. Hospital

Richard S. ("Dick") Rial, business agent for Bricklayers Union 16 of Monterey, has been in a Monterey hospital for several days following a ruptured appendix.

Friends said he is out of danger but will be unable to return to his union duties for some time more.

Monterey Youth Center Opening Program Slated

Special dedication ceremonies for the new Monterey Youth Center, which is being built by donated labor, are to be held in January during the Bing Crosby Golf Tournament, it was announced at last week's meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council.

Sonyja du Gardyn, council secretary, said details of the dedication program have not been announced but that labor is expected to play a part in the ceremonies.

The Monterey council heard reports on the Babe Ruth Baseball League program, for boys 13 to 15 years of age, from Jim Chambers, member of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 and a team manager. The Babe Ruth League games will be played at El Estero Park. Labor unions were urged to finance one boy each for the coming season, to make the season a success.

In addition the council set up a Visiting Committee to contact affiliated unions in regard to council problems, Secretary du Gardyn said. Members of the Visiting Committee are George Wilson, of Carpenters 1323; Mrs. du Gardyn, Nels Pederson, of Teamsters 890, and Frank Bruno, of Butchers 506.

New delegate accepted at the last council meeting is Leslie Sexton, of Retail Clerks Union 839.

Salinas Carps. Make Donation For Xmas Party

A substantial and generous contribution to the coming Children's Christmas Party in Salinas, Dec. 20 at the high school auditorium, Union Business Agent Harvey B. Baldwin reports.

Local 925 will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 21, and for members who attend, Baldwin added.

Employment for union carpenters has been holding up well, despite the rainy season and the expected slump in work at this time of year, Baldwin said. Fewer members are out of work than usual for the pre-Christmas period, he explained.

Barbers Elect Next Tuesday

Final meeting of the year will be held by Barbers Union 827 of Salinas next Tuesday night at the Labor Temple, with election of officers as highlight of the session.

Contests for president, vice president and guide feature the election, according to Secretary James N. Butler Jr., re-elected without opposition.

The installation dinner party committee will make its report at this meeting and political matters will be discussed, Butler said.

Engle Presses for Action on Trinity Project

SEE HOPE FOR START ON HUGE JOB NEXT YEAR

Santa Clara and San Benito counties were well represented in Sacramento the afternoon of Nov. 23 when Rep. Clair Engle, 2nd District, who will be chairman of the powerful Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs in the 84th Congress, pledged an early hearing to move the Trinity River Diversion and San Luis Reservoir Projects to Congress so that construction could start early in 1955.

The meeting was under the auspices of the Californians for Trinity-Sacramento-San Luis, of which Armon Heffington, Weaverly, is president, and was held in the State Capitol with over 100 persons in attendance.

In addition to Rep. Engle, the chairman introduced Rep. John E. Moss of the Third District, who said the Trinity Project, which will extend storage and canals to the presently water-deficient areas of the west side of Fresno County, must have the active support of the State Legislature.

"To the degree that you bring about unanimity to assist your representatives in Congress in getting the Trinity Project constructed, to that degree will California as a whole profit by having a better grade of water and a greater volume of water in the Sacramento canals, and the power to transport water where it is most needed," he declared.

Among State Senators and Assemblymen who heard the plea were Edwin J. Regan, Weaverly; Paul Byrne, Chico; Ed Johnson, Marysville; John Murdy Jr., Huntington Beach; and Assemblymen Bruce Allen, San Jose; Pauline Davis, Portola; Francis Lindsay, Loomis, and Lloyd Lowrey, Rumsey.

Supervisors included Marshall Lane of Orland and Ed Levin of San Jose, and among the Mayors introduced were Ed Cushman of Hollister and Herbert Holyfield of Redding. Congressman-elect B. F. Sisk represented the 12th District, Fresno.

A telegram was read from U.S. Sen. Thomas Kuchel pledging re-introduction of his bill for Trinity-San Luis water and power integrated development by the Department of the Interior.

In addition to Ed Levin, the Santa Clara County group consisted of County Planning Director Karl Belser, Engineer Theo Perrot of Palo Alto, Secy.-Treasurer Alden B. Campen of the Water and Power Users Assn., Mrs. Ida Skov of the Pomona Grange, and Grace McDonald, executive secretary of the California Farm Research and Legislative Committee.

L. G. Barrett, city councilman and secretary of the Pacheco Pass Water District; Lester Bisho of the Hollister Chamber of Commerce, and Hollister Mayor Cushman completed the San Benito County group.

Rep. Engle called special attention to the interest of people in these two counties in a project which is bound to have the most telling impact on future growth of our entire state.

"Today," Engle said, "we of the West are at the crossroads... the second half-century of western development."

"We are either going to have to build the water and power resources for the people who want to come to California, or we'll starve them out for lack of water and power."

Engle, who introduced the first bill for Trinity construction in the 83rd Congress, explained that no legislation is needed to authorize the project, because if any reclamation project fits the basic criteria of feasibility under the Reclamation Act of 1939, it is the Trinity. And Secretary of Interior Chapman so authorized it.

All the \$219,067,000 capital cost is considered reimbursable except \$47,000 in fish protection facilities.

The project will supply 1,190,000 acre feet of water annually for irrigation. It will fill the Sacramento canals. Its power supply will make possible a partnership with the San Joaquin Valley whereby flood waters may be

stored in the San Luis Reservoir and transported when needed to the farm lands of the West Side, which with related industries provide a gross agricultural income of \$350 million.

Said former Speaker of the Assembly Gordon Garland, "Our West Side water table is dropping 25 feet a year. The last well that went down cost \$71,000 and it went down 2,000 feet."

Engle lashed out at the selfish interests which have delayed a project which should have been completed long ago.

"If the proposal to buy Trinity's 'falling water' by the PG&E and to develop and sell power divorced from the water features should be accepted," Engle said, "it will kill the Trinity."

"Interior will build the Trinity, lock, stock and power houses, or it will not be built at all."

"It is not a question of a 'quick buck' or a 'fast dollar,'" Engle explained. "The Federal Government is a trustee for all the people."

"If we had sold Shasta and Keswick power to PG&E we wouldn't today have the Central Valley Project, the greatest project of its kind in the world."

"We are going to take this power which PG&E says competes with them and put it to work where it won't compete, but where it will grow crops."

"It is my considered belief that PG&E will make more money by selling to the farmer who, because of this new water, will continue to pump, than from preventing the power features of the Trinity from being constructed by the Government. Uncle Sam, moreover, will get additional taxes from the men who operate these rich farms and the communities which thrive on agricultural prosperity."

Engle and Moss both charged that continued talk of State purchase of the Central Valley Project is "muddying the waters" and is delaying the project. Engle was impatient with restudies being made by the Bureau of Reclamation to reduce the capacity of the dam at Trinity and to revise the project on the basis of selling the "falling water" to PG&E.

These studies will now have to be reviewed by the State Engineer. He may have 90 days in which to make up his mind. Then the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs will have to hold hearings on the reports. "We want these reports back in two weeks," Engle said. "We don't want the State Engineer sitting on these reports like a hen sitting on a door knob, for 90 days. We want the Trinity-Sacramento-San Luis authorized, the money appropriated, and construction started."

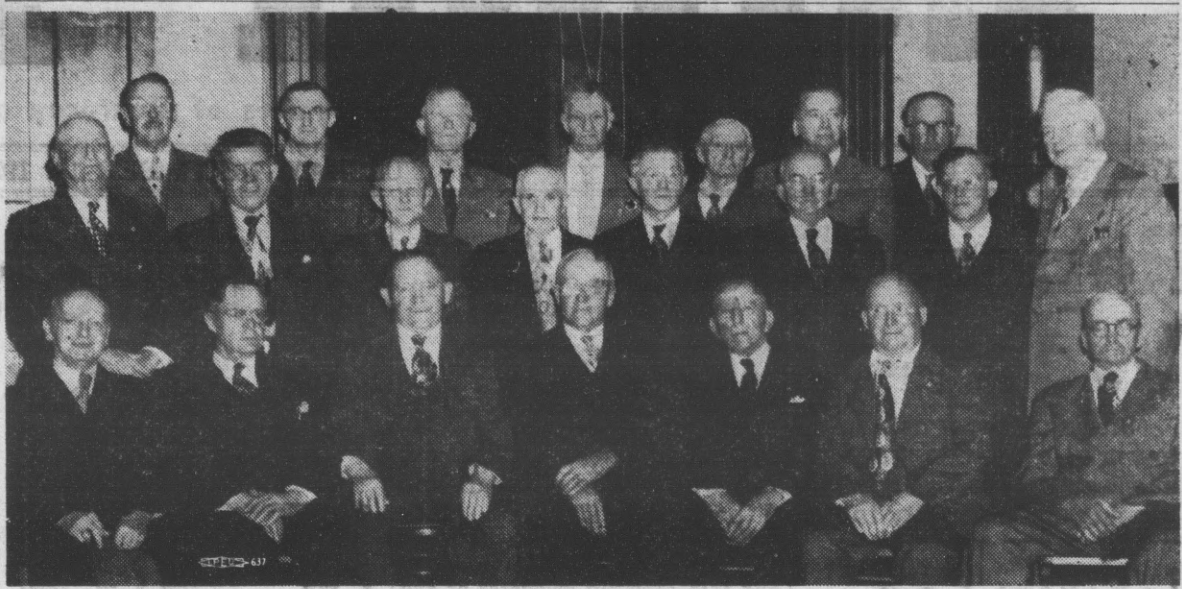
State Senator Edwin Regan, of Weaverly, declared:

"The water from our rivers and streams belongs to ALL the people of California. The people of the 'counties of origin' believe that some of this water belongs to them. Unless our state legislators take a state-wide viewpoint on this subject, we will be in trouble. For the votes in the Legislature go to the population centers."

"The Director of Finance has the right to protect the counties of origin. There must be a proper adjustment of the needs for water and the development of counties of origin."

"How can these rights be preserved and a fair percentage of water be reserved for their future use?"

"Beneficial use' is the formula required by law. Irrevocable commitment' must yield to local needs of counties of origin. The County of Origin Act needs amending to



LONG-TIME SOLDIERS IN LABOR'S ARMY.—Each of them with from 25 to 50 and more years of continuous membership in the Brotherhood, the men shown above were honored by Millmen's Local 42, and presented with gold lapel buttons. Pictured left to right are: **FRONT ROW**—Carl Tway, Arthur Neidlinger, Conrad Schnaber, William G. Seagraves, W. G. Desept, A. W. ("Shorty") Edwards and F. E.

Macumber; **SECOND ROW**—Joe Hurley, Al Fromm, B. G. Biser, Peter Byrne, Charles Bernecker, Henry Lidley, Oscar Landgren and John Hogg, Building Trades Council President, who presented the awards; **BACK ROW**—Julius Tham, Paul Weidhaas, Emil Bendsen, Franz Seifert, Martin Tomsted, William P. Kelly and Joe Cruise. Present but not within camera range was David Bernstein.

Hayes Says Labor Must Defend Human Rights

Philadelphia (PAI)—Organized labor has an obligation to work with other groups in the preservation of human rights and must not adopt "lunatic fringe" tactics in fighting subversion, Al J. Hayes, president of the AFL Machinists told representatives of some 500,000 Pennsylvania AFL and CIO members.

"We cannot deal with the Communists as the Fascists would deal with them and we cannot deal with the Fascists as the Communists would. We must deal with the threat to our society posed by both of these groups."

The IAM head was one of the major speakers at a conference held by the Labor Committee for Human Rights.

Hayes emphasized that "if we condone the means of either of the extremist groups or if we adopt their methods, then we betray our belief in the dignity of man and the sanctity of his rights."

He said labor could do much to strengthen and broaden its influence as a true defender of human rights.

"Our first step, of course, is to maintain impartiality in our defense of those rights, Hayes declared."

"If we appear to be more concerned with defending the rights of certain individuals or groups of individuals than those of others, we stand to lose our reputation for impartiality."

He said the second step was to remain alert to changing conditions that may threaten to force a change in this impartial attitude.

President Harry Boyers of the Pennsylvania CIO Council said his organization would fight for a fair employment practices law in Pennsylvania now that a Democratic administration had replaced the Republicans at Harrisburg.

Organized labor must insist on "democracy in housing," declared Joseph Schwartz, conference chairman and head of the AFL Ladies Garment Workers Local 190. Schwartz said private housing should be bought and sold without regard to race, creed or color.

New Star Skater

Seattle.—From 1951 Union Label Queen to star skater—that's the story of Shirley Givens. She received top billing at a huge show called "Iceparade," with proceeds making Christmas brighter for needy children.

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Making Ends Meet

Pork Supplies Larger Than They've Been in Past 2 Years

By NANCY PRATT

Pork should be a good bet for hearty December meals. Supplies are larger than they have been for the past two years and pork prices generally are at their lowest in mid-winter.

Other December plentiful include eggs, haddock, broilers and fryers for main dishes, and oranges, grapes, grapefruit, dates and nuts for holiday side dishes.

KNACKS WITH NUTS

Nuts bought in the shell for fruit bowls and after-dinner cracking often remain around doing little more than catching dust. Remember that nuts, which are high in food value, can be used as an integral part of any meal. Most people like them particularly as dessert toppings. But they're well worth considering as additions to provide extra quality and a dash of variety to main dishes—especially vegetables. For example, mix chopped walnuts with spinach or chopped almonds with peas. Chopped nuts also help accent meat and fish loaves.

HOUSEHOLD TASKS

If household tasks tire you out it may simply be due in part to the fact that you don't like them. A recent university survey of homemakers' attitudes toward their jobs found that fatigue was generally associated with jobs that were liked least.

Cooking and child care ranked highest in popularity in this study, with cleaning and ironing heading the unpopular list. The survey indicated that one way to lose fatigue from distasteful chores may lie in more efficiency. Interviewers felt that homemakers typically failed to recognize efficient management as a characteristic of good housekeeping. It commented that the high degree of efficiency so characteristic of American industry has not "come home."

TIPS FOR CAR OWNERS

Paint engineers advise car owners against dry rubbing to remove dust from cars. The reason is that rubbing little bits of dust against the paint may break the film and cause the finish to crack.

The best way to clean cars, according to the experts, is to spray with water before polishing with a cloth. This flushes away grit without scraping the surface.

Watch out for abrasive cleansers, the paint experts warn. If any color comes off on the cloth, you may be damaging the finish.

About tire wear, the best recommendation is simply careful driving. A recent survey by U.S. Rubber Co. showed that of all conditions affecting tires—climate, driving habits, type of roads—good driving habits were the most im-

portant factor in longer tire wear.

UNION SERVICE

Members of the AFL National Association of Letter Carriers will be working overtime this month to make your Christmas a happy one. Help your postman by mailing cards and packages early and by making sure they're properly wrapped.

Fight Against Job Crisis Asked by Unions in Canada

Ottawa (PAI)—Claude Jodoin, president of the 600,000-member Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, in an annual legislative brief to the Canadian Cabinet has called for vigorous measures to cut unemployment in Canada.

Among the requests made by the TLC in its brief were:

—Increased unemployment insurance benefits to at least two-thirds the weekly wage of the person concerned. Increased supplementary benefits. Shortening the period necessary for eligibility and increasing the period of benefit. Benefits for unemployment due to illness.

2—A planned program of public workers. Planned spending by all levels of government.

3—Encouragement of construction in the off-season winter months.

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4—A national health plan covering hospital, medical, surgical, dental and optical care.

5—Old age pensions of \$75 for men at 65 and women at 60. Increased veterans' allowances and mothers' and widows' allowances.

6—Federal aid to education at all levels.

7—Low-rental, low-cost housing. Elimination of home down-payments for low-income groups and reduced mortgage interest rates. Government encouragement of slum clearance.

8—Increases in personal tax exemptions to \$1500 for single persons and \$3000 for married persons. Tax exemption for all medical expenses. Removal of the special excise tax, especially on automobiles.

A man may be better than his reputation, but never better than his principles.—Latana.

Merry Christmas to All



We wish that you and your family may be blessed with the Yuletide gifts of love and joy in abundant measure.

LLPE Makes Detailed Plans For \$1 Drive, '56 Elections

Washington—A thorough analysis of the November elections was made by the staff and area directors of Labor's League for Political Education in a three-day meeting at the League's national headquarters.

Detailed plans also were made for the 1955 voluntary contribution drive which will start April 1, and for the active participation of local Leagues throughout the country including the strengthening of the women's division. In this connection, Director James McDevitt stressed that political educational work is a 365-day-a-year job.

"Organized labor," McDevitt said, "cannot afford to rest on the laurels it won in the November elections when well over half of the Congressional candidates and three-fifths of the Senatorial candidates endorsed by Labor's League for Political Education were elected."

In their study of the 1954 campaign, the staff and area directors were able to pinpoint particular problems in various districts so that the League may be in a better position to determine the scope of its activities in 1956 when the next

Congressional Senatorial elections will be held.

Reports of the area directors enabled the group to evaluate the degree of activity exercised during 1954 by the state federations and central labor unions. The study indicated that practically all parent organizations cooperated fully in their respective areas. As a result, trade unionists were successful in their campaigns in nearly all industrial areas where organized working people reside in appreciable numbers.

McDevitt pointed out that although the 84th Congress is not expected to be pro-labor there is no reason to assume that it will be anti-labor. He was inclined to believe the election returns which were undoubtedly conducive to a more liberal course, a number of the present reactionary lawmakers may mean to a more progressive point of view.

Temple Escalators?

San Francisco.—Named a member of the board of trustees of the Building Trades Temple Association, and with plans for a fine new temple under way, Frank J. Murphy, business representative of Elevator Constructors Local 8, immediately got busy. He'll make an effort to see the building has adequate elevators and—probably—escalators!

IKE'S ORDER GIVES GREATER JOB SECURITY

President Eisenhower has signed an executive order which, according to the White House, will provide greater job security to about 450,000 "indefinite" Federal employees.

The new order, effective January 23, will permit career appointments in the competitive civil service for the first time since Congress adopted the Whitten amendment in 1950. The amendment put a ceiling on the number of career Federal workers and restricted promotions.

Under the order, each new employee appointed through the competitive civil service process will serve a three-year period. This includes a one-year probationary period during which he will be in a "career-conditional" status.

If the employee remains with the Government for three years, he will pass into a career group and will have a priority claim on continued employment.

Chairman Philip Young of the Civil Service Commission declared there are about 673,000 indefinite—or non-career—employees who will be affected by the order. He estimated that 220,000 will become career employees under the new order, 235,000 will become "career-conditional," and 218,000 who did not get their jobs through competitive examinations will remain in an "indefinite" status.

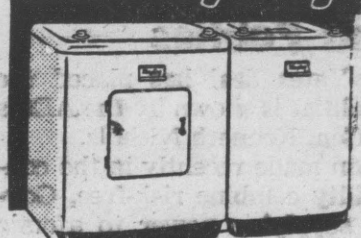
Bakers' Official Heads Local 100 Miles Wide

Joplin, Mo. (ILNS)—Elected for the eighth consecutive year as president of the Biscuit Council of the Bakers & Confectionery Workers International Union at its convention in Kansas City, Russell Boyd Prince, known in the labor movement here as "Bo," heads a local whose jurisdiction extends over a 50-mile radius from this city.

During the more than 20 years that he's been president and business manager of Tri-State Bakers Local 363 and its predecessor, it was necessary to call only a single important work stoppage to win contract gains. "Bo" also is president of the Business Representatives Council here and for many years he headed the Central Trades Council.

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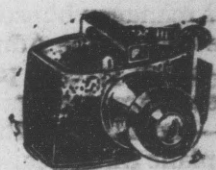
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The AEC and Politics

Just how deeply the Dixon-Yates deal has placed the Atomic Energy Commission in politics is shown by the AEC's general manager himself, Brig. Gen. Kenneth Nichols.

One change the Administration made recently in the contract—which gives a private utility combine risk-free, Government-guaranteed profits for supplying power to atomic plants—provides for the Government's possible "recapture" of the plant three years after the contract becomes effective, should it be so decided.

Nichols says that the recapture clause was added "in the light of the recent elections."

In other words, the Nation's top atomic body has been made an agent of partisan schemes and the Dixon-Yates contract, therefore, must be amended "in the light of the recent elections" to show that this partisanism is wise.

It is, in fact, ruinous. The AEC was devised as a non-political body of experts to direct the Nation's atomic energy program without regard to what party controls Congress or runs the Administration. Incidentally, three of the first five AEC commissioners appointed by President Truman, a Democrat, were Republicans.

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The Administration claims that the Dixon-Yates thing is an effort to keep the Government from going further into competition with private enterprise.

This is false on the face of it. The need for additional power was created by the Atomic Energy Commission, a Government enterprise. The AEC uses the power in the creation of atomic and hydrogen bombs and in further experimentation in the development of atomic power.

These are public, not private, enterprises, and the power they use produces nothing that is in competition with private business. When the Government produces power to be used in its own operations it is nonsense to say that it is competing with private enterprise.

Down to Hard Rock Beliefs

The United States Chamber of Commerce is going all out in its fight against labor unions. In the November issue of the U.S. Chamber official publication, which bears the questionable title of "Economic Intelligence," there is a sharp attack not only upon labor but on collective bargaining.

This is what the U.S. Chamber says: "The purpose of collective bargaining is to destroy individual bargaining, to create a labor monopoly. This enables the labor leader consciously to withhold labor from work, to paralyze a company, an industry, or a whole community, and to insist upon terms suitable to himself and perhaps his followers."

Destroy collective bargaining and bring back individual bargaining, that's the U.S. Chamber's philosophy. That's why it would smash the unions. Yet, what is individual bargaining? Ever try bargaining individually with the boss for a raise in wages, for better working conditions, or for a welfare plan? There is no such thing as individual bargaining, of course. Without collective bargaining there is only the decision of the employer and it is final. No individual workman has even the slightest economic influence by himself.

Only when working people organize in unions do they gain economic power sufficient to force employers to bargain and on occasion, to grant concessions. It is the union, not the individual, which has won the present splendid standard of living for the working people of America.

In the years to come, the unions will make still more progress for their members, but the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has always opposed all social and economic gains for the common people, will not like it.—The Washington Teamster.

JOKES. Etc.

Ti Tolliver confides that the other day when he was shopping for the missus he caught himself asking for a fifth of milk.

"Do you ever have a difference of opinion with your wife?"
"Frequently, old man. But she doesn't know it."

We asked "Shorty" Sorrell if he minded the boys kidding him about

being so short. "Humpt," he replied, "Do you thing a dime feels small among a bunch of nickels?"

Medical student: "I can't understand why a man's hair turns gray quicker than his beard or mustache."

Professor: "Oh, that's easy. His hair has a 20-year start on his whiskers."



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HOW ARE PAYMENTS FIGURED

The amount of the Social Security payments will be determined in most cases by your average monthly earnings between January 1, 1937 or January 1, 1951 and the time you are 65 or your death occurs, whichever is first. In determining this average monthly earnings it will be possible to drop out as many as five years of your lowest earnings if you are first eligible for a benefit after September 1, 1954. If you have been totally disabled during part of this period, it will be possible to eliminate the period of your disability providing you have notified the Social Security Administration and filed the proper application. At the beginning of your disability a disability to be considered must have lasted at least six months.

The minimum amount payable to an insured worker will be \$30. The maximum amount (1½ years after December 1954) will be \$108.50. In the period between the amendments (September 1, 1954) and June 1955, the maximum benefit will be \$98.50 to the worker himself.

In addition to the worker's payment one-half more may be paid to his wife at 65, or to his wife at any age during the period in which they have children under 18. One half more may also be paid to any children under 18. (Maximum payable to the whole family would be \$200.)

In the event of the worker's death (at any age), three-quarters of his monthly amount may be paid to his widow (at age 65), or, if under 65, if she has unmarried children under 18. In addition, ¼ of his monthly payment may be paid to the first child under 18, and ¼ more to each additional child, with a total maximum family payment of \$200.

Dependent parents may each qualify for ¼ of the worker's monthly payment at age 65.

For further information, see your local Social Security Office at the address shown below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

Auto Hints

RADIATOR CARE

The automobile radiator should be reverse-flushed every spring and autumn, advises the California State Automobile Assn. When the job is performed, water hoses should be carefully inspected and replaced as necessary. A good rust preventive should be added after each flushing.

IT PAYS TO WAIT

If you're extra tired when you finish your day's work, it may pay you to wait until the rush is over before starting to drive home. The most dangerous hours of the day are those when people are on their way home, weary, impatient, and often in a hurry.

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Drivers who are traveling faster than most of the traffic should never drive close to a car they intend to pass. If you drive too close to the car ahead you cannot see around it and may be confronted by an oncoming vehicle just as you decide to pass.

A delegate-at-large is a gentleman who attends the convention without his wife.

Any time a husband gives his wife flowers for no reason—there's a reason.



"PERFESSER DURANTE!"—Showman Jimmy Durante, as noted for his weird pronunciation as for his nose, is now "Durante the Scholar." Young residents of Hanna Boys' Center, Sonoma haven for homeless boys, recently gave Schnozzola a scroll identifying him as Honorary Professor of English at the California "boys' town." The award cited his "distinguished contributions to the language in coining more new words than any other living American during many years of providing wholesome entertainment for young and old alike."

HANNA BOYS' CENTER MARKS FIFTH YEAR

A native stone country chapel in the Valley of the Moon will be the setting early next month as the young residents of California's "boys' town" prepare to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the opening of their home.

They are the lads living at Hanna Boys' Center, Sonoma, home for underprivileged boys of all races and creeds. The fact that they have a special reason for celebration this year is due, in large part, to the 1954 contributions of the San Francisco A. F. of L. labor community. The year has seen the completion of three new dormitory-cottages, for which contributions of money and materials were made by the unions and builders, and which were built by the donated work of members of San Francisco Building Trade Unions. The new cottages bring Hanna Center's capacity to a total of 126 boys.

The five year growth of the little "town" was described this week by a member of the Center's board of directors, Daniel V. Flanagan, Regional Director for the A. F. of L., who praised the outstanding contributions made during the year by the A. F. of L. organizations. Except for a two year period which he spent in Washington, D.C. on a special assignment, Flanagan has served on the volunteer board since its inception. He was chairman of the original building committee, and later chairman of the board of directors, which represents a cross section of business and professional men in the San Francisco Bay Area.

In 1945, Archbishop John J. Mitty, his secretary for charities, Monsignor William J. Flanagan, and Rev. William L. O'Connor, opened an experimental center in Menlo Park. Its success in helping boys whose circumstances were such that they were "potentially delinquent" resulted in the establishment of the Sonoma home in 1949. A large part of the necessary funds for the erection of the Sonoma project were contributed by the working people of San Francisco. After groundbreaking ceremonies conducted by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, the home was dedicated by Chief Justice Earl Warren, then Governor of California.

Today, Flanagan said, the directors believe that Hanna Center has saved hundreds of boys for productive citizenship and, on many occasions, "have made a dozen good citizens for the cost of just one criminal."

JOBLESS INSURANCE

Washington.—The Labor Department has issued a four-page pamphlet explaining the rights and obligations of the 2½ million Federal workers who will be covered by unemployment insurance for the first time beginning January 1.

Women's Place Is In Politics—As Well as Kitchen

Washington—The woman's place—and particularly the union woman's place—is in politics as well as the kitchen.

That's the firm belief of Mrs. Margaret Thornburgh, the live-wire director of the women's division of Labor's League for Political Education. And Mrs. Thornburgh not only practices that belief but is preaching it all around the country.

The attractive, vivacious Oklahoma member of the Glass Bottle Blowers is credited with national LLPE officials with being the only person to travel more miles than Vice-President Nixon in the 1954 campaign.

But the end of the campaign of 1954 provided only a momentary interruption to her travels—just long enough to get in a short visit back home in Okmulgee. Then she was off again organizing local and state women's divisions of LLPE to get set for the next election. Texas was her first stop after the Nov. 2 election when she started the ball rolling for a women's division there by holding special LLPE women's classes at the Houston Texas State Federation of Labor School.

Mrs. Thornburgh's job is a new one in the AFL, and she's having to develop her program from scratch.

By the time of the next national campaign in 1956, Mrs. Thornburgh hopes to have active, working women's divisions in every state in the nation so that organized labor can make its weight felt on election day.

Strike Losses May Hit Post-war Low

Strike losses this year may be reduced to a postwar low, according to estimates by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Man days lost by strikes during the first 10 months of 1954 were under 20 million, compared to almost 25 million for the same period last year. If the current trend continues, the low record of 29.9 million man days lost, set in 1951, will be broken this year.

State Federation Gets Set For New State Legislature

(State Fed. Release)

Drafting of the state AFL's 1955 legislative program, selection of San Diego as next year's convention city, and jurisdictional support of the Sailors Union of the Pacific highlighted actions of the quarterly meeting of the Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor held last Thursday and Friday in San Francisco.

Farm Bureau Group OKs 'Right to Work' Law, Angers Labor

Madison, Wis.—The Wisconsin Farm Bureau overwhelmingly approved a resolution endorsing so-called "right to work" legislation despite outspoken opposition of some of its members at its annual convention in the Loraine Hotel.

Asked Donald Block, a farmer of River Falls, "Why should we farmers stick our noses into city business?" He argued that it was an error to make trade unionists "pissed."

OPPOSED TO LABOR AIMS

Another member asserted, "I was for many years a union member. Were it not for the unions, wages would not be half what they are in the cities, and there would be less money to buy our production from the farms."

The Bureau said that the present provision of the Wisconsin Employment Peace Act authorizing union security contracts "represents an interference with basic freedom of the individual in a Christian democracy."

The Bureau's parent organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, long has been opposed to the aims of organized labor.

HONES ATTACKS BUREAU

The president of the rival Wisconsin Farmers Union, Kenneth Hones, attacked the Bureau for its anti-labor stand and declared that the well-paid factory worker is the best market for the farmer's product.

"The Farm Bureau made the mistake of its life when it took after organized labor," Hones said. "Just where is the farmer's market today if it is not in the stomach of the well-paid factory worker and his family?"

"The right of organized labor to have a closed shop is no different from the Farm Bureau closed shop of compulsory membership in its insurance and cooperative farm-supply buying program."

"The Farm Bureau is certainly treading on thin ice when it wants to deny to others the very thing it compels its own farmers to do in its organization."

An article in the Catholic Herald Citizen, official publication of the Madison diocese, asserted that misnamed "right to work" laws are "immoral according to Catholic teaching."

The article quoted Father William J. Kelley, a priest who served on the New York State Labor Relations Board for more than six years.

SKIN PROTECTION

A garage mechanic cleaned his hands with gasoline. Soon he had acquired a rash that took months to heal. Any cleaning fluid or detergent that removes grease from machine parts, desks, floors, etc. will also remove the natural oils from the skin. The skin dries up and cracks and thus is open to infection. Persons using these cleaners should either wear rubber gloves or should place a coating of protective cream on the hands. After using one of these degreasers, wash hands in warm water and mild soap and apply cold cream to the skin. Some recommend a protective cream that can be made by using 70% lanolin, 30% castor oil, a trace of a wetting agent and some perfume to remove the odor of the lanolin and castor oil. This protective cream can be removed by washing the hands with warm water and soap.

Look for the Union Label when doing Christmas shopping.

STANDARDS SET FOR SLUM AID

Albert Cole, Housing administrator established standards cities must meet to qualify for Federal aid in slum clearance and "urban renewal" projects.

Cole said that each mayor must file a "workable plan" for slum with the Housing and Home Finance Agency. Federal aid comes in loan and grant form.

The administrator emphasized that the Government considered antislum activity a "community responsibility." "Each community will be expected to organize itself to approach these objectives in its own way," he said.

BUILDING PAY SCALES ARE UP

Wage scales for union building trades workers in cities of 100,000 or more rose 10 cents an hour, on the average, in the year ended last July 1, the Labor Department reported.

About 82 per cent of the 1,050,000 unionized building trades workers were affected by scale revisions during the 12-month period. Scale increases benefited 60 per cent or more of the union workers in all but two of the trades studied. Advances typically ranged from five to 20 cents an hour, and for about 10 per cent of the tradesmen the hourly increase was for 20 cents or more.

Fed Backs Sailors

(State Fed. Release)

The California State Federation of Labor's Executive Council last Friday voted unanimously to support the AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific in defense of its "historic cargo."

Representing more than one and a half million AFL workers in California, the State Federation condemned shipowners and rival union attempts to destroy the sailor's maritime jurisdiction.

The threat to AFL maritime jurisdiction came 43 days ago in San Pedro when members of the independent International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union refused to work the freighter PACIFICUS when the SUP was given certain cargo assignments on the vessel. The ILWU yesterday reversed its position and agreed to work the ship.

State AFL action in support of the SUP was taken following a review of the PACIFICUS dispute by Harry Lundberg, secretary of the Sailors Union of the Pacific and vice president of the California State Federation of Labor.

Collect Food For Christmas

Santa Barbara.

Carpenters 1062 several weeks ago started collecting food for needy families at Christmas. Contributions to the growing holiday food collection are placed in a large container each meeting night. Donations may also be made at the Christmas party, December 18.

Hear Harry Flannery.

FED. BACKS LINCOLN FOR STATE ASSEMBLY SPEAKER

(State Fed. Release)

Anti-labor aspects of the State Assembly speakership fight broke out in the open last week when Assemblyman Harold K. Levering told the Los Angeles Angeles Chamber of Commerce that Speaker candidate H. Allen Smith has "the worst voting record in the Assembly from the standpoint of the labor bosses." Levering is the longtime leader of anti-labor forces in the lower house.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor, has urged all labor-minded Assemblymen to vote against the Smith candidacy. Hag-

gerty has repeatedly exposed the "Big Lobby" backing enjoyed by Smith. The state AFL has recommended the election of L. H. "Abe" Lincoln in the two-man showdown.

The Los Angeles Mirror quote on Levering's "pro-Smith" address to the manufacturing unit of the Chamber of Commerce follows:

"Smith has never given industry a bum vote in the legislature," Levering told the Chamber group. "On the other hand, he and I probably have the worst voting records in the Assembly from the standpoint of the labor bosses."

Andy's Life at Eureka Covered First 9 Years

By JOSEPH BREDSTEEN

(Continued from last week)

Andy spent the first nine years of his life at Eureka, California, where he had been born. He was a robust baby but one experience almost ended his life. When he was nine months old I came home one late afternoon and found his mother holding him in her lap. She asked me to hold him. He was feverish and cuddled up to me helplessly. Suddenly a pained look came to his face. He seemed to be gasping for

were busy out on the back porch. The mother told me about it when I came home. I went out and both the boys were chuckling over achieving what they considered quite a feat. I asked: "How did you get that big stone up here?" Andy answered triumphantly: "We motored it." Evidently Andy had been the director in that operation. Already he was proving he was a natural born engineer. He retained these traits through life.

The years sped on. Before Andy reached his fourth birthday we had bought a home at 2935 Albee street into which we moved and lived till we left Eureka.

One day Andy came to me with a troubled and perplexed look on his face and asked: "Where did I come from?" I answered: "You grew inside of your mother. It took months for you to get to be a full-grown baby. Then you were born like the chickens come out of the eggs, when they are born." He looked at his mother with a look of deep affection. She was preparing a meal but looked up and noticed him looking at her. She came over to him and kissed him. He looked supremely happy but got busy immediately with an array of sticks on the floor, which he told me were horses, with names, and a lot of cattle, pigs, and chickens, which he was busy leading to water from the pasture. Then he put them in the stables to they could sleep. That boy sure did have an imagination that never stopped operating.

He shared his brother's tricycle and in turn let his brother use his wagon. They played with the neighbors' children. Only a couple of blocks away was the Lincoln School, where he got his first three years of schooling. In the summers we usually managed to get out on camping trips with friends. On one of these, one of the larger girls started to swing the hammock in which Andy was lying and swung him so high that he fell out and broke his arm. She probably was trying to get even for some prank he had played on her. That ended the camping party two days before it was to end. We just broke camp that same day in order to get home again, so the doctor could take care of Andy's fractured arm.

Everybody was extremely busy at our house as long as we lived at Eureka, and Andy was no small part of that activity. Then came the time we moved away. We left by train. Some fifty friends were there to see us off. Several of Andy's friends were there to say goodbye to him. It was August 10, 1919. We reached Berkeley that evening. We got off at South Berkeley. While Andy's mother went to telephone to the people where we were to stay that night it was my job to keep the children on the street car platform. The only way I could keep Andy there was to hold him by force. He wanted to run across the street to investigate something. Even in that day auto traffic was becoming quite brisk in the Oakland-Berkeley area compared with Eureka at that time. It was not safe for children or grown-ups to cross streets as there were practically no traffic regulations yet.

We reached the home of our friends without any mishaps. It was a sort of return affair for these good people had left Eureka a few weeks before we did. Their home had been sold and had to be vacated and they were left without a place to sleep. Andy's mother made place for the five children and their mother for two or three days. We, with our four children, were to stay with them when we came to Oakland and Berkeley. Both events were the occasion of great rejoicing, so far as all the children were concerned, and Andy was no small part of what they cooked up during those few days until we located a home for ourselves at 1805 Dwight Way, Berkeley, after we first had lived a couple years at 1803 Dwight Way.

(To be continued next week.)



ANDREW HOMME BREDSTEEN

breath. Then his eyes closed. He was unconscious. His mother telephoned a doctor, who lived two blocks away, but he said he could not come. Andy seemed to be dying. I had to act fast to try to get air to his lungs as that evidently had been shut off. I asked his mother to force his mouth wide open, which she did. I put my forefinger down his throat. I tried to reach the entrance to the windpipe. I must have reached the right spot for I felt a pronounced throb and when I removed the finger my baby breathed again and almost immediately opened his eyes and his overjoyed mother exclaimed: "That did it." We got a nurse to sit up with Andy that night. But there were no more choking spells. In a couple days he was his robust self again. We did not feel kindly to the doctor who would not come and who has now himself been dead for many years. But as I now look back on those anxious moments in our home the thought comes to me that perhaps a wiser intelligence than any of us possessed directed the thinking of all of us at that moment and that what actually happened was what saved Andy's life. I feel more forgiving to the doctor now. Had he said he would come right away Andy might have passed away while we stood there waiting for him to get there? Who knows? What purpose does it serve now to try to penetrate the inscrutable? Anyway Andy lived on, becoming a healthy and active youngster.

When he was two years old we moved from 828 G street to Tenth and M streets. Two incidents come to mind that happened there. Andy's sister was a baby sitting on the floor. His aunt, who was a nurse at the Union Labor Hospital and the head nurse from there were visiting at our home. Suddenly Andy began saying something. He was pointing to the floor beside his baby sister. What he said sounded very plainly to the two nurses as being: "Get a rag and wipe it up." Finally it dawned on the nurses when they saw the wet on the floor that he meant a rag when he said rag. The rag story spread to the hospital and for months it was a standing joke and today there are still people, who tell the story. The significance of the story is that it revealed in Andy at that early age the family trait of cleanliness that always was very strong in both the Homme and Bredsteen families. When Andy grew up that trait always was an outstanding part of him. Any office or shop he had charge of had to be spotlessly clean, yes, "spick and span," like his mother always kept our home, who was just as much that way as the ancestors on the other side of our family.

One day Andy and his brother

LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

There is a whole lot of work to be done by members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, but calls for men have come to the office because of bad weather. We all knew the rains would come and we know the farmers are very happy about the good rain that has fallen. However, when the rains cease, we hope to get all our members back to work.

The Barnhardt Construction Co. has started the other building near the Paper Carton Plant. This will be quite a help to the community in more ways than one. This is a step toward more permanent jobs.

Eklen and Small have started their jobs at the various schools and are quite busy.

E. J. Donahue has many jobs of varying sizes and descriptions and are located all over the county.

The school job was to be awarded at San Ardo, but bids were rejected and will be bid again about the 17th of the month. We sincerely hope that this time the job will be awarded and work started.

The Macco Co. is laying some pipe in the San Ardo oil fields to furnish water for more drilling of wells.

Lyle Construction Co. is working in various parts of the oil fields and feel that they will receive more work in the very near future.

Various figures were submitted on a project at the oil fields Wednesday. The job has not been awarded as yet.

The Hill Top Subdivision of Erickson and Causley is ready to kick off. They are at this time laying out for the trenches for footings. Pat Barclay will do the sewers; Granite, curbs and gutters. Most houses are sold. Lots of good luck to the subdividers.

More on your Health and Welfare Plan.

General Policy provisions applying to Hospital, Surgical, In-Hospital Medical and X-ray and Laboratory Benefits.

EXTENDED BENEFITS

In the even you or any of your dependents are totally disabled on the date your general coverage under the plan terminates for any reason, the above named benefits are extended if you or your dependents go to the hospital or undergo an operation as a direct result of such disability within three months after termination of general coverage provided you or your dependents remain totally disabled from the date of termination of general coverage until the date of hospital confinement or operation.

LIMITATIONS

Hospital, surgical, in-hospital medical, X-ray and laboratory and supplemental accident benefits are not payable for disabilities due to occupational injuries or due to sickness covered by the Workmen's Compensation Law, or similar legislation. No benefits are paid for charges incurred which confined or treated in a Veteran's Administration Hospital. No provision is made for dental work, and no provision is made for eye glasses or examination for the procurement of glasses.

You and your family should read the booklet on Laborer's Health and Welfare carefully because what it describes means so much to you. Every Laborer should call at the office and pick one up.

If you then have questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with this Local Union or with the Welfare Fund office, Laborers Health and Welfare Trust Fund, 1373 Post St., San Francisco 9, Calif., telephone ORdway 3-9754.

No, I have not forgotten about birthdays, but could not find a member with a date for this week. This occurred once before.

Brother David Thimbling from Hollister was taken to the hospital on Sept. 11. Was confined for 52 days, he is at home and champing on the bit to return to work. The medico says that he cannot return to work for sometime yet. David is down to his old fighting weight and looks good.

You members who did not vote in the General Election or the Primaries must register to vote. You are not eligible to vote unless you do. So register so that you may

exercise your rights.

Members who are temporarily laid off due to weather should immediately sign up with the Employment office. You may not work for two or three weeks due to the weather and yet there is a job for you when the weather permits, this condition is no fault of yours, so sign up and draw that money.

When you become injured on the job report it to your employer right away. If you do not receive compensation and are not able to work report it to this office. Our people are not aware of their rights under compensation or disability. Another reason that an injury should be reported to the office is that it may involve you in the Welfare. In some cases our members carry some medical insurance and so do not draw anything else, yet they would be entitled to other benefits as well. So be sure when you are not able to work because of injuries or illness report it to the office. We are most interested.

Tommy Galdos says that his little daughter is doing nicely. If no other difficulties arise she should be able to be returned home. We certainly wish the best for this child and parents.

We had quite a report that our County Building Inspector E. Carlsen was rather weak Tuesday morning, December 7. We later found out that Gerry and Joanne at Memorial Hospital were the proud parents of triplets, one boy and two girls. Gerry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carlsen. Joanne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers of Atherton and long time residents of Salinas. Joanne was the hostess of 1954 California Rodeo. What do we do with two hostesses of the same age? Time will tell. Will the boy be a "bronc buster?" (Joe Rogers will shoot me for this.)

Brother William Frazier is around in a cast on his right arm. He was injured on the Gordon Ball job. Hurry Frazier and return to the fold.

Bro. Russell Hendrix reports that the Mrs. should be able to come home from San Francisco after another visit to the hospital. We wish her the speediest of recoveries. She has been laid up too long now.

Seasons Greetings
Adios Amigos.

CANADA FACES MAJOR HEALTH, JOB PROBLEMS

Unemployment and health insurance are two of the major problems facing the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Verne Methel told the AFL.

Last spring and winter, about 10 per cent of the Canadian labor force was unemployed, Methel said. He added that the total may go even higher this winter.

"We will continue to press upon all levels of government throughout Canada the need for maintaining full employment as the only satisfactory way in which to produce and sustain a high and rising standard of living," he said.

The TLCC representative, who is president of the Regina Trades and Labor Council, said the Congress is pressing strongly for nationwide public health insurance. Without referring to the situation in the U.S., Methel added:

"In making further insistent efforts for the establishment of health insurance in Canada, I am sure our Congress will meet with the same opposition from the Medical Association as we have in the past."

BENEFIT PLANS COVER MORE U.S. WORKERS

The number of workers covered by sickness and accident benefit plans has more than tripled in the last half-dozen years.

As a result, the AFL Research Department reported, the great majority of workers today can look to continuing income when they are absent from work because of illness or injury.

Payments for time lost during disability are provided through either two types of plans: The group sickness and accident benefit plans and the paid sick leave plans.

The typical benefit payment provides benefits of less than full pay for an extended period, while the paid sick leave plans provide full pay for a more limited period.

It is estimated that about 60 per cent of nonsupervisory workers are covered by sickness and accident benefit plans, with the percentage in manufacturing industries somewhat larger. Many of those who are not covered are protected instead by paid sick leave plans.

Home Tips ★ ★

The combination of a steel over-range cabinet with built-in exhaust fan and a matching enameled or contrasting stainless steel range hood diverts cooking odors and provides circulation of air that's essential in your kitchen. The exhaust fan cabinet matches your other cabinets perfectly and can be incorporated as part of a continuous row of wall cabinets.

Team diced potatoes with creamed dried beef for Sunday brunch or lunch or supper during the week. Sprinkle with finely chopped chives from your garden, or parsley, before serving.

If you can hear the sash weight hit the bottom of the frame when you open the sash, it means that the sash cord is too long and should be taken up an inch or so.

For good kitchen and bathroom sanitation, make it a habit to wash the plumbing beneath the sink with hot soapsuds every time you scrub the floor.

If you shudder to think of the vitamins and minerals going into your garbage can when you have lettuce and other salad materials that are just too passe to be tempting, use them this way: Tear the salad greens into pieces and cook them with a little bouillon and butter or margarine. Makes an extra "vegetable" with your main course, and may include celery, callots, escarole or whatever you happen to have in the refrigerator.

Small and medium eggs offer more pounds per dollar than large and extra large eggs. Department of Agriculture poultrymen give us a good yardstick to help us buy. If medium eggs can be bought for one-eighth and small eggs for one-fourth less than the price of large eggs, they are a better value.

Keep honey in a dry, warm place. At low temperatures it may turn cloudy or crystals may form.

When you have your clothes out of the closet, put a thin coat of paste wax on the rods. You'll find the hangers will slide back and forth more easily.

And while the wax is handy, put some on any traverse rods you may have. Draperies will be easier to pull back and forth. You'll avoid the irritating task of fixing one that sticks. Windows will slide up and down more easily and desk and dresser drawers will be easier to open an close if the grooves are waxed.

BOWLS A HOT 659

Minneapolis—There may be better scores among union bowlers, with the season just about getting hot, but the 659 for 3 frames rolled up by Joe Biernat of Upholsterers Local 61 isn't too bad a figure to shoot at.

Making Ends Meet

'Impulse' Buying of Major Appliances Proves Expensive

By NANCY PRATT

Are you an impulse buyer when it comes to major purchases? A recent survey of consumer purchasing patterns finds that a good one-fourth of families buy large appliances such as refrigerators and TV sets with almost no advance

planning or comparison shopping. Surprisingly, there are more spur-of-the-moment buyers among the lower income families which most need the advantages that usually flow from careful shopping.

The majority of buyers tend to base their choice on one factor alone with little attention to other important aspects of value. On the other hand, surveyors find that almost another one-fourth of all buyers do plan ahead and weigh quality, operating costs, and style in addition to price and brand. Young married couples tend to be more careful than their elders in choosing appliances. In a large number of families, the basis for selection seems to be the brands seen in the homes of friends and relatives.

These findings by the Survey Research Center of the University of Michigan indicate that a sizable portion of working families could add to the effectiveness of their dollars by following the principles of wise shopping.

A major appliance is a major investment, one which you have to live with a long time. Refrigerators, ranges, and washing machines are our 20th century necessities before making a choice. Investors. Check their references fully and compare such factors as materials the appliance is made of, and special features.

FOOD BUYING TIP

The price of lettuce may be slightly higher from now to the end of December when shipments of the winter crop hit the markets. This in-between season is a good time to try a change by substituting other leafy vegetables for sal-

ads. For example, serve raw spinach, carrots, or cauliflower buds with Russian dressing. Or you may want to experiment with a combination of fruits and vegetables in a Waldorf salad or the old carrot-and-raisin favorite.

WINTER SQUASH

Squash is one of those versatile vegetables that fits into almost any dinner menu. If you're broiling something, simply cut the squash lengthwise, dab with butter and slip it under the broiler too. For an oven dinner try baked squash with brown sugar. Also particularly popular is boiled squash, served with milk or sour cream and spiced up with a dash of sweet marjoram or sliced onions.

Squash is one of our best sources of vitamin A, so important for good vision and healthy skin. And squash is good for the budget, too, as it is generally one of the more reasonably priced fresh vegetables in the market.

UNION LABEL

When you make up your Christmas list remember that there's a union label to go with almost every item—from diamonds to dolls. And the union-made sign is your assurance that the gift you've selected is first rate.

Keep Dues Paid Up!

Hear Harry Flannery.

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Some labor union meetings start at 8 o'clock sharp—too many of them end at 10 o'clock dull!

Memory Tax! Put a coin in a San Jose parking meter the other day, but apparently forgot to turn handle. Cop put a ticket on our car for failing to operate the meter, despite the payment of the fee. So the city gets our penny, plus our dollar! Our mild note suggesting that we should at least be refunded the penny was ignored. Yep, \$1.01 lesson in memory training!

What do you know? Try to answer these, then check answers below: 1. Albert Einstein, illustrious physicist, recently was invited to be an honorary member of the (a) Newspaper Guild, (b) Plumbers Union, (c) Chemical Workers. 2. When the 84th Congress convenes in January, the Senate will include (a) 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans, 1 Independent; (b) 43 Dems, 52 Repubs, 1 Ind.; (c) 49 Dems, 45 Repubs, 2 Inds. 3. McCarran-Walter Law, which unions and others are trying to liberalize, deals with (a) minimum wage, (b) public power, (c) immigration. 4. A musical comedy based on the book "7½ Cents" and deals with labor-management problems in a garment factory and is now playing on Broadway, is called (a) Pins and Needles, (b) Can Can, (c) The Pajama Game. 5. President of the Detroit Pipe Fitters Union elected U. S. Senator is (a) Richard Newberger, (b) Patrick V. McNamara, (c) Martin Durkin. (Answers below.)

Two burly cops came into the San Mateo Labor Council meeting the other night and escorted Toy Smith, b. a. for Culinary-Bartenders, outside! Toy returned shortly, however, after locking up his office!

Recognition for Labor in the school trustee field—Bus. Mgr. W. H. Dierichsen (IBEW) of San Mateo has been asked to join a committee to pick a man to fill a vacancy on the important Burlingame elementary school board.

Dick Rial, bricklayers' business agent in Monterey, in a hospital six weeks after appendix ruptured—reported out of danger now, however.

Another request: Please advise this paper of new officers elected by union this month and next. We'll correct union directories and give due publicity. Thanks!

ANSWERS: 1. (b), 2. (a), 3. (c), 4. (c), 5. (b).

Our sympathy to Connie Bredsteen and the children. The death of Andy Bredsteen, general manager for this paper, was a shock to us. We knew Andy as a swell guy, a fine person to work for.

Serious thought: This Christmas, when you've taken that last one for the road—why not walk home?

Union Serves Members, So Burglars Get \$5,472

Hagerstown, Md. (ILNS) — CIO United Auto Workers Local 842 has been keeping considerable amounts of money on hand for a check-cashing service to its members, but planned to discontinue it shortly.

But before the local could take such action burglars broke into its headquarters opened the safe and got away with \$5472.

Eagles Elect New Officers

District 4-A of the Fraternal Order of Eagles elected new officers at a big meeting in Watsonville last week, including Bill White, Hollister, chairman; Jim Butler, Salinas, vice chairman; Glen Oberst, Watsonville, secretary; Armand Schwab, Salinas, publicity chairman.

Delegates were present from Auxiliary serving a dinner. Safe-Driving Day (S-D Day) this Wednesday was endorsed.

It was announced that a degree team will be sent to San Jose next Feb. 22 to take part in a big dinner and meeting, members of the team including Butler, White, Fred Delavan, Watsonville; Oscar Fabing, Gilroy; Bert Lacazette, Monterey. Next district meeting is Jan. 12 in King City.

Post Office Clerks Ask Your Aid With Yu'e Mail

Washington (ILNS)—The National Federation of Post Office Clerks launched a nationwide drive to speed the handling of Christmas mail and urged newspapers and radio stations to give wide publicity to a few simple rules.

If the rules were followed, President Leo George said, "the post office will save tens of thousands of dollars, the public will avoid hundreds of thousands of angry moments and postal employees will escape millions of headaches."

These are the NFPOC recommendations: mail early; write addresses plainly; put local and out-of-town mail in separate bundles, and mark each pack; don't put Christmas stickers on the address side of envelopes or packages; put gifts in strong containers and wrap them well.

FIGHT RENT DECONTROL

Jamestown, N. Y.—The joint Labor Committee, uniting AFL and CIO locals here, former a permanent legislative committee to act on national, state and local issues. One of its first moves was opposition to proposed decontrol of rents.



Beeson's Exit to Stalemate NLRB

Washington—A stalemate is foreseen on the National Labor Relations Board with Albert Beeson's term expiration Dec. 16. Beeson has generally been the "swing man" in many vital rulings with the three Republican NLRB members, including Beeson, outvoting the two Democrats.

His departure will leave the board unable to muster a majority on some issues until a successor can study cases under consideration and cast a vote. So far, President Eisenhower has not appointed a successor, who will have to be confirmed by the Senate.

Confirmation could stretch into several months. Meanwhile, deadlines such as occurred during the half-year before Beeson's nomination could be revived when the other four members had to shelve a number of cases because neither side could obtain a majority.

Beeson's tie-breaking vote wiped out that backlog, but other cases have reached the board since and are awaiting for final decision. Labor and industry alike are watching particularly as to whether the board will drop its five-year doctrine that "hot cargo" clauses in union contracts legalize secondary boycotts which would otherwise be unlawful.

AFL Sees Hope In New Congress

(AFL Release)

AFL President George Meany declared that because of the liberal trend in the last election the next Congress may be prevailed upon to enact at least part of the AFL's progressive legislative program.

Discussing future legislative prospects in an editorial in the December issue of the American Federationist, Meany conceded that "on paper" labor lacks sufficient votes in the 84th Congress to assure favorable action on its major recommendations.

He pointed out, however, that members of Congress "are keenly alert to political trends" and that "the gains made by the liberal cause in the November elections may exert a convincing and constructive influence" on the actions of the next Congress meeting in January.

"We want America to adopt stronger policies with regard to international affairs and national defense because we are convinced that is the only way to preserve peace."

"We urge that effective steps be taken promptly to fortify the national economy and reduce unemployment, because America cannot stand still without damage to our high standards."

"We call for thorough revision of the Taft-Hartley Act to remove its punitive provisions against labor and to make it an instrument of equal justice in the relations between unions and employers."

"We strongly advocate a program of social improvement laws to advance the American way of life. In this category are included an adequate public housing law, a desperately needed program of Federal aid to education, higher unemployment compensation standards, insurance against the cost of medical care and protection of the civil rights of all our citizens."

"It is more than time that Congress got started on this backlog of much-needed legislation. If the 84th Congress makes progress in these directions, labor will be the first to praise."

101 YEAR UNION MEMBER

Schenectady, N. Y.—One of the oldest—and quite possibly the very oldest—of women active in the trade union movement celebrated her 101st birthday. She's Mrs. Susan Genoa, member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.

The NLRB Rules—

It's Lawful to Wear Button Reading "Don't Be a Scab"

If your local's contract doesn't provide for the union shop and you have some free loaders in the plant it's all right for you to wear buttons saying "Don't Be a Scab." That is, you can nudge the hold-outs that way unless the National Labor Relations Board upsets the ruling of its trial examiner in a recent case.

Caterpillar Tractor Co. was held guilty of unfair labor practices for laying off 247 workers who insisted on their right to wear the buttons. It also was ordered to give them the day's pay they lost and to stop discriminating against employees because they had displayed the slogans, and directed not to interfere with the workers' freedom of speech in connection with union activities.

International Association of Machinists Lodge 851 in bringing the action against Caterpillar defined "scab" as a worker "whose belief is contrary to the principles of trade unionism." The lodge contended that, since it is the bargaining agent for production and maintenance employees in the plant, it was the duty of all of them to belong to the union. More than 1450 of the 1900 workers had authorized checkoff of union dues when the case originated in February.

The company argued that the buttons were insulting, degrading and inflammatory, that they suggested disloyalty and treason and might lead to violence which would hamper production. Losing the case, Caterpillar said it would appeal to the NLRB.

Before you make a "slip cover" for a waste basket, launder the fabric in soapsuds and rinse it well. Then you can cut the cover to fit real tight, without having it shrink later.

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